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Joint Resolution

To designate the week beginning April 2, 1989, as "National Child Care Awareness Week".

Apr. 2, 1989  
[S.J. Res. 50]

Whereas the status and composition of the family in the United States is constantly changing;

Whereas today 57 percent of all women with children younger than six years of age work outside the home;

Whereas by 1995, two-thirds of all pre-school children and more than three-quarters of all school-age children will have mothers in the work force;

Whereas the increasing participation of women in the work force will continue to increase the demand for child care during the working hours;

Whereas adequate child care is an increasingly important element in enhancing the productivity of the work force and enabling parents to receive additional job training;

Whereas child care experts have long known that a child's first five years are the ideal base to support lifelong learning, and child care providers in both homes and child care centers can provide vital assistance to parents in these critical years;

Whereas the collaboration of public and private efforts is essential to developing accessible, high quality child care;

Whereas the National Association for the Education of Young Children is sponsoring a week of the young child, and it is appropriate for Congress to designate the same week as a period devoted to increasing public awareness of child care issues;

Whereas communities across the United States are planning special activities to honor child care providers to illustrate the importance of high quality child care during that week; and

Whereas all children deserve high quality child care, and all parents have a profound obligation to provide a safe wholesome environment for their children at all times: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week beginning April 2, 1989, is designated as "National Child Care Awareness Week", and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*

**Approved April 2, 1989.**

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